Recruitment of Correspondents

646. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Doordarshan has invited applications directly for the post of Correspondents;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that all the recruitments in Doordarshan used to be routed through the Union Public Service Commission; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not following this practice in the case of correspondent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) DG: Doordarshan have invited applications for engaging Artists in the following categories, for reorganisation and strengthening of the news set-up of Doordarshan:—

S. No.	Designation and Fee Scale	No. of posts
1	TV News Correspondent (Rs. 3000-4500)	20
2	TV Asstt. News Correspondent (Rs. 2200-4000)	30
3	TV Asstt. News Editor (Rs. 2200-4000/Rs. 2000--3500)	7

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Entitlement of knock-off from Bofors and in sub-marine deal

647. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of India are entitled to seek a knock-off of Rs. 50 crores (unauthorised payments) from Bofors and also a knock-off of at least Rs. 30 crores (again unauthorised payments) in the sub-marines deal; and

(b) if so, have the two suppliers been served with notices to do so; if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) It would be possible to determine Government's entitlement to seek a knock-off only when the full circumstances in which the alleged payments were made become available. Currently, efforts are in hand to obtain this information.

Haryana Government's decision to Waive rural loans

648. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Reserve Bank of India has expressed strong reservations on Harayana Government's decision to Waive rural loans upto 20,000 rupees owed to cooperative institutions and commercial banks; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what action is proposed to be taken by the RBI, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that it has not received any formal proposal from the Government of Haryana to waive rural loans upto Rs. 20,000. The consistant stand of Reserve Bank of India in this regard has been that generalised waivers or write off of loans through whatever modality, irrespective of the merits of each cases, harm the rural credit system. According to Governor, Reserve Bank of India even a declaration